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## New Requirements for Hong Kong

Effective April 1, 2002, all Hong Kong importers of chilled meat will have to apply to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) for an import permit. Prior to this date only ground meat imports required import permits. The rationale for the change is to allow Hong Kong government officials a better system for trace-back and to allow closer monitoring of increasing imports of chilled meats into Hong Kong from China and other Asian suppliers.

According to officials in the FEHD, it will take about 5 working days for a Hong Kong importer to apply for and receive an import permit and the application can be processed before the product arrives in Hong Kong. However, all consignments of chilled meats will have to be inspected by FEHD inspectors before the products can be released.

For consignments arriving at the air terminal, they can be released immediately because FEHD has facilities at the airport to carry out on-site inspection. For consignments arriving by sea and/or truck, the importer will have to schedule an on-site inspection at the warehouse, which is expected to take three working days after notification of the arrival of the product. Currently, traders may have to wait two to three weeks for FEHD's inspectors to inspect frozen goods and sign the Release Letter.

## Hong Kong's Import of Poultry

	Millions US\$		% Share		% Change
	2000	2001	2000	2001	01/00
U.S.	483	424	56.17	53.89	-12.22
Brazil	107	107	12.42	13.57	-.01
China	89	98	10.35	12.47	10.26
Thailand	26	28	3.04	3.58	7.82
World	860	787	100	100	-8.51

## Hong Kong's Import of Chilled Poultry

China	32.59	28.92	96.57	96.55	-11.25
France	.61	.74	1.81	2.47	20.89
U.S.	.50	.19	1.48	.63	-62.38
Brazil	.02	.05	.07	.18	127.27
World	33.75	29.95	100	100	-11.24

Source: USDA/FAS

## U.S. and Mexico to Establish Committee on Agriculture

The U.S. and Mexico have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a Consultative Committee on Agriculture intended to facilitate and strengthen cooperation on agricultural trade issues, according to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). The committee will include a rapid-response team to help the two countries deal with trade issues as they first emerge and before they become trade disruptions. Trade issues include market access, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, and information exchange in areas such as biotechnology and animal and plant health.

Source: Washington File, <http://usinfo.state.gov>

## USDA Library of Export Requirements Updates

**04/02/2002 – Export Notice.** Japan's restriction on U.S. egg products has been revised. Until further notice, egg products that originate from birds located in Pennsylvania, Maine, or Virginia, that are processed in plants located in Pennsylvania, Maine, or Virginia, are ineligible for export to Japan. Egg products may not transit these States unless the container is under USDA seal, and the seal number is indicated on FSIS Form PY-200, Egg Products Inspection and Grading Certificate.

Previously certified egg products from eligible States will be accepted by Japan if an amended certificate or a separate FSIS Letterhead Certificate with the statements: "The shell eggs used for the production of exported egg products did not originate from layer flocks in Pennsylvania, Maine, or Virginia and did not pass through Pennsylvania, Maine, or Virginia before being carried into egg processing plants. To the best of FSIS' knowledge, the egg products did not transit Pennsylvania, Maine, or Virginia before leaving the United States unless it had been in a sealed container."

New shipments must include the above statements in the remarks section of export certificates for Japan or on a separate FSIS letterhead certificate except the last sentence should be replaced with: "FSIS has instructed the shipper that the egg products must not transit Pennsylvania, Maine, or Virginia before leaving the United States unless the container is sealed by FSI and the seal number is indicated on the certificate."

**04/04/2002 – Japan** For new poultry shipments, the following additional statements must be included in the remarks section of FSIS 9060-5: "The live poultry used for the production of exported poultry meat did not originate from Pennsylvania, Maine, or Virginia and did not pass through Pennsylvania, Maine, or Virginia before being carried into poultry processing plants."

**Ineligible Poultry Products.** Poultry or poultry products that originated from live poultry or plants in the States of Pennsylvania, Maine, or Virginia or that transited the States of Pennsylvania, Maine, or Virginia unless the container is sealed by the FSIS and the seal number is indicated on the certificate. Product from flocks or birds slaughtered or processed in Virginia remain eligible if slaughtered before February 28, 2002 and FSIS Form 9290-1 indicates slaughter dates for the lot (in month/day/year format) prior to February 28, 2002.

**04/01/2002 – China (PRC)** For poultry products include the statement: "There have been no outbreaks of fowl pest (fowl plague) for at least 90 days in the United States. Further, in the area where birds for export (meat) were produced (such an area being within a minimum radius of 50 kilometers from the production farm), Newcastle disease, fowl cholera, and other serious infectious fowl diseases, as recognized by the United States, have not occurred for at least 90 days." Additional statements are needed for new shipments of poultry to be re-exported to Japan.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/export/explib.htm>

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 30, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	352	209	4,100	2,445
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	1	22
Total	352	209	4,101	2,467

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 30, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	117	148	1,338	1,299
Frozen	90	45	961	393
Dried	147	0	896	143
Total	354	193	3,195	1,835

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 30, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	0	250	87
Extra Large	0	1,490	2,118	4,396
Large	2,100	3,858	13,917	25,055
Medium	1,350	1,620	13,728	11,398
Ungraded	4,950	5,322	4,950	34,088
Misc	0	0	4,714	6,287
Total	8,400	12,290	39,677	81,311

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 30-Mar-02  
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,978	1,250	3,228
LAST WEEK	1,812	1,360	3,172
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,043	1,323	3,366
TO-DATE/2002	23,320	16,758	40,078
TO-DATE/2001	24,324	16,689	41,013

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	154	0	154
LAST WEEK	357	0	357
SAME WEEK YR AGO	434	27	461
TO-DATE/2002	4,447	20	4,467
TO-DATE/2001	7,041	100	7,141

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,132	1,250	3,382
LAST WEEK	2,169	1,360	3,529
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,477	1,350	3,827
TO-DATE/2002	27,767	16,778	44,545
TO-DATE/2001	31,365	16,789	48,154

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

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05-APR-2002  
**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	9.75	11.00	285,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	9.75	11.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-11.00	9.00-13.00	1,498,200	204,000
WTD AVERAGE	10.60	10.43		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

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RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	11.50-14.50	12.75-14.00	1,194,950	374,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.78	13.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-12.00	9.00-12.50	1,389,600	528,000
WTD AVERAGE	11.90	11.24		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 5 APRIL 2002.**

The market continued to center on product going into export channels. Export demand was fair to good with trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of frozen thigh meat at steady to barely steady price levels. Offerings were available and, in some cases, still overwhelmed the increased buying interest as sellers moved excess inventories into marketing channels. Domestic trading was heavy on plant grade 4-7 lb. breasts for current shipments, balance light. The tom breast meat undertone was steady to instances weak, destrapped tenderloins steady at best, and barely steady to instances weak on the balance of white meat items. Demand and trading light at best. Offerings available with breast meat and destrapped tenderloins held in the strongest hands. Tom bulk parts offers available, however, increased domestic ground turkey demand was noted. For domestic: Fresh tom wings 22, Grade A non-basted 12-14 lb. 100 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 18, hen full-cut wings 24, thigh trim 28, fresh thigh meat 56 cents delivered.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 05, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00-25.75		25.23	172	24.45	1,112
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	156	20.86	364
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	24.00	312	24.86	364
TAILS	27.00		27.00	56	24.65	136
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	13.00	200	13.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	55.50-57.00		56.65	714	56.29	2,662

**THURSDAY, APRIL 04, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00-25.00		24.27	492
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00		20.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00		24.00	312
TAILS		W	23.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	13.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00-57.00		56.24	1,604

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 03, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	21.59	380
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	52
TAILS	23.00		23.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	13.00		13.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00-56.50		55.74	344

**TUESDAY, APRIL 02, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00-26.00		24.67	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	21.59	380
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.88	416
TAILS		F	21.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	11.83	472
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	56.57	524

**MONDAY, APRIL 01, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	24.52	496
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	21.59	380
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.88	416
TAILS		F	21.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	11.83	472
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	56.57	524

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.